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1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF OCT. 24 NEW YORK TIMES
ARTICLE TITLED "CHILE IS ACCUSED BY JURIST GROUPS."

2. QUOTE. GENEVA, OCT. 23--THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION
OF JURISTS CHARGED TODAY THAT POLITICAL REPRESSION IN
CHILE WAS NOW "MORE UBIQUITOUS AND MORE SYSTEMATIC" THAN
AT ANY OTHER TIME SINCE PRESIDENT SALVADORE ALLENDE GOSSENS
WAS OVERTHROWN BY THE MILITARY 13 MONTHS AGO.

QUOTE. "FOR EVERY DETAINEE WHO HAS BEEN RELEASED IN
RECENT MONTHS AT LEAST TWO NEW ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE,"
THE COMMISSION SAID.

QUOTE. THE 40-MEMBER COMMISSION IS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION
BASED IN GENEVA THAT DRAWS SUPPORT FROM LAWYERS GROUPS IN
NATIONAL CHAPTERS IN 50 COUNTRIES. IT DESCRIBES ITSELF AS
"STRICTLY NONPOLITICAL" AND IS RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED
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NATIONS.

QUOTE. THE COMMISSION GATHERS INFORMATION FOR ITS REPORTS FROM LAWYERS ON THE SPOT, OBSERVERS SENT TO FOLLOW TRIALS AND SPECIAL TEAMS SUCH AS THE THREE MAN GROUP THAT WENT TO CHILE LAST MAY TO STUDY THE SITUATION THERE.

QUOTE. MOST OF THE INFORMATION IN TODAY'S REPORT WAS OBTAINED FROM CHILEAN DEFENSE LAWYERS, THE COMMISSION'S SECRETARY GENERAL, NIALL MACDERMOTT, A BRITISH LAWYER, SAID. "I CANNOT BE MORE PRECISE THAN THAT," HE DECLARED.

QUOTE. THE COMMISSION SAID THAT FROM MAY TO AUGUST THERE WERE 700 KNOWN ARRESTS OF POLITICAL SUSPECTS IN CHILE. MOST OF THE ARRESTS, IT SAID, WERE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT WARRANTS BY UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS IN PLAIN CLOTHES ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS.

QUOTE. SINCE MIGUEL ENRIQUEZ, LEADER OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT, WAS KILLED ON OCT. 5 IN A SHOOTOUT WITH SECURITY FORCES, THERE HAVE BEEN 600 FURTHER ARRESTS, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT.

QUOTE. THE COMMISSION SAID THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT LAST MONTH BY GEN. AUGUSTO PINOCHET UGARTE, THE HEAD OF CHILE'S MILITARY JUNTA, THAT THE "STATE OF WAR" WAS BEING ENDED AND THAT ALL PRISONERS WHO WERE PREPARED TO GO ABROAD WOULD BE RELEASED WAS "DESIGNED FOR EXTERNAL CONSUMPTION."

QUOTE. THE LEGAL SYSTEM, IT DECLARED, "CONTINUES TO CONTRAVENE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE ACCEPTED BY CIVILIZED NATIONS."

QUOTE. BESIDES INDIVIDUAL ARRESTS, THERE ARE MASS ARRESTS IN THE SHANTYTOWNS, WITH THE INTENTION APPARENTLY BEING TO INTIMIDATE THE POPULATION, THE COMMISSION SAID. SOME 10,000 TO 15,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN THIS WAY IN RECENT MONTHS, IT REPORTED, WITH MOST BEING RELEASED AFTER SEVEN TO 10 DAYS.

QUOTE. BEFORE THE MILITARY COUP D'ETAT CHILE WAS A
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"PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY," THE COMMISSION SAID, IN WHICH ALL SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION THROUGH TRADE UNIONS, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER GROUPS TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE NATIONAL LIFE.

QUOTE. "ALL THIS HAS NOW BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY SUPRESSED," THE COMMISSION SAID. "THIS IS PERHAPS THE GREATEST INJURY OF ALL TO HAVE BEEN INFLICTED ON THE PEOPLE OF

CHILE."

QUOTE. THE PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION INCLUDE
EDGAR FAURE, THE FORMER FRENCH PREMIER; MASATOSHI
YOKOTA, THE FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF JAPAN'S SUPREME COURT;
SIR ADETOKUNBO ADEMOLA, THE FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF

NIGERIA, AND ELI WHITNEY DEBEVOISE, A NEW YORK LAWYER,
WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIVE MAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

QUOTE. ANOTHER MEMBER IS SEAN MACBRIDE, WINNER OF
THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AND FORMER IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER.
MR. MACBRIDE SERVED FOR SEVEN YEARS AS SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE COMMISSION.

QUOTE. THE TEAM THAT WENT TO CHILE LAST MAY CONSISTED
OF MR. MACDERMOT, COVEY T. OLIVER, PROFESSOR OF INTER-
NATIONAL LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND
DR. KURT MADLENER, A WEST GERMAN SPECIALIST IN PENAL
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